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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH GNZ MINISTER OF FISHERIES BOLGER

1. DEPARTMENT'S NEW ZEALAND COUNTRY OFFICER, WILLIAM GALLAGHER, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF, PAID BRIEF VISIT ON GNZ MINISTER OF FISHERIES JAMES BOLGER OCTOBER 12 TO RENEW ACQUAINTANCES AND INQUIRE OF BOLGER WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS BEEN ANY DEVELOPMENT OF GNZ'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY (SPRFA) AND NEW ZEALAND'S OWN FISHERIES AGREEMENTS.

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2. DISCUSSIONS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

A. GNZ HAS NOT YET SELECTED ITS DELEGATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUVA MEETING TO DISCUSS CREATION OF SPRFA. BOLGER SAID HE DESIRES HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION BUT IS AT PRESENT HAVING DIFFICULTIES FREEING THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE FROM RESPONSIBILITIES THEY HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED IN THE

SUPERVISION OF GNZ'S OWN FISHERIES ZONE.

B. INFLATED LEVELS OF EXPECTATIONS IN SMALLER ISLAND STATES ARE A FEAR WHICH BOLGER MENTIONED WITH RESPECT TO THE CREATION OF THE AGENCY. HE SAID SEVERAL OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND STATES MAY ALREADY BE LABORING UNDER THE MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE FUTURE WORTH OF FISHERIES RESOURCES AND FOREIGN LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS. IF THE GNZ STUDIES ARE ACCURATE, BOLGER FORECASTS THAT NEW ZEALAND WILL OBTAIN ONLY ABOUT A 40 PERCENT RETURN FROM FISHERIES LICENSES ON THE ADDITIONAL COST OF POLICING ITS 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE. SOMETIME IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE SOMEONE (AND BOLGER SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE NEW ZEALAND) WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK FRANKLY WITH SMALLER ISLAND STATES AND DISABUSE THEM OF ANY NOTION THAT THE FISHERIES RESOURCES AND THE SPRFA WILL EVER BE AN ANSWER TO ISLANDS' ECONOMIC ILLS. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED WESTERN SAMOA AS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH MAY BE LOOKING AT THE AGENCY WITH FALSE AND INFLATED EXPECTATIONS.

C. BOLGER ALSO STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE NATIONS ATTENDING THE SUVA MEETING WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE FULLY ON THE STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF SPRFA, AND THAT SEVERAL MORE MEETINGS MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE SPRFA ACTUALLY COMES INTO EXISTENCE.

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D. GNZ DOES NOT BELIEVE FRANCE FORESEES ANY INSURMOUNT-ABLE DIFFICULTY IN PERMITTING ITS TERRITORIES TO ACCEDE TO A FUTURE FISHERIES AGENCY AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT FRANCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OVERLY CONCERNED AND THAT HE BELIEVES EITHER FRANCE WILL SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORIES OR PERMIT THEM TO SIGN DIRECTLY. THE REAL POLITICAL PROBLEM OF ACCESSION HE PREDICTED, WOULD LIE WITH THE USG. IN THIS REGARD, THE GNZ IS ANXIOUS THAT AN APPROPRIATE FORMULA BE WORKED OUT WHICH WOULD PERMIT MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY U.S. PACIFIC TERRITORIES, SPECIFICALLY TTPI, IN THE AGENCY.

E. GNZ WOULD PREFER THAT THE ISLAND STATES THEMSELVES DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE AGENCY AGREEMENT, BUT THE GNZ IS CONSCIOUS IT WILL NEED TO SHOW CONSIDERABLE LEADERSHIP IN THE MATTER.

F. SOVIET FISHERIES AGREEMENT. BOLGER RESPONDED TO A QUESTION REGARDING A NZ-USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMENT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY MOVEMENT UNTIL THEY LEARN THE RESULTS OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TALBOYS' FORTHCOMING

VISIT TO TOKYO. HE DID NOT DEMONSTRATE ANY DEGREE OF
OPTIMISM FOR NEW ZEALAND'S EFFORTS TO LINK NEW ZEALAND
BEEF EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND JAPANESE FISHERIES ACCESS.
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